

STEP INTO READING®

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Dear Parent:

Congratulations! Your child is taking the first steps on an exciting journey. The destination? Independent reading!



STEP INTO READING® will help your child get there. The program offers five steps to reading success. Each step includes fun stories and colorful art. There are also Step into Reading Sticker Books, Step into Reading Math Readers, Step into Reading Phonics Readers, Step into Reading Write-In Readers, and Step into Reading Phonics Boxed Sets—a complete literacy program with something for every child.

Learning to Read, Step by Step!



Ready to Read **Preschool–Kindergarten**

- big type and easy words • rhyme and rhythm • picture clues

For children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Reading with Help **Preschool–Grade 1**

- basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories

For children who recognize familiar words and sound out new words with help.



Reading on Your Own **Grades 1–3**

- engaging characters • easy-to-follow plots • popular topics

For children who are ready to read on their own.



Reading Paragraphs **Grades 2–3**

- challenging vocabulary • short paragraphs • exciting stories

For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.



Ready for Chapters **Grades 2–4**

- chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art

For children who want to take the plunge into chapter books but still like colorful pictures.

STEP INTO READING® is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

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Dragon Quest

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One day,
Bloom visits
an island.
She is on a quest.



She is looking for
her inner dragon.



She needs to find
the Dragon Flame
that lives inside her.

Bloom looks
for a dragon
to help her.





She sees a dragon.

But he is mean!

The dragon opens
his mouth.

Roar!

The dragon swoops
toward Bloom!

The brave fairy
throws a fireball
at the dragon.





The fireball works!
The dragon drops
to the ground.



Three more dragons rise
into the air.

They attack Bloom!



There are
too many dragons!
Bloom runs away.
One dragon breathes fire
at her.



Bloom slips.

She falls into a pit!



In the pit,
Bloom meets
a little dragon.
His name is Buddy.
He is lost.





Bloom tells Buddy
she will help him
get home.

Buddy's home is
on Fire Mountain.

They walk there together.

Bloom tells Buddy
she is sad.



She does not know
how to beat
the mean dragons.



Buddy tells Bloom,
“To beat a dragon,
you must be
a dragon.”





Buddy teaches Bloom
how to walk
like a dragon.

Stomp, stomp, stomp!

Buddy shows Bloom
how to eat
like a dragon.





Bloom picks
dragon berries
from the thorny bushes.
Yum, yum!

Bloom must roar
like a dragon.
She tries her best.
Roar!



Roaring is hard!



Bloom and Buddy find
Fire Mountain.





A big dragon
guards the mountain.
The big dragon
is asleep.

Bloom and Buddy try
to sneak by.

The big dragon wakes up!





The big dragon
swipes his tail
at Bloom.

Bloom leaps
out of the way.

The big dragon
grabs Buddy!
“Help!” cries Buddy.





Bloom takes
a deep breath
and roars!
She releases
the Dragon Flame!

The big dragon
is scared of Bloom!
He lets go of Buddy.

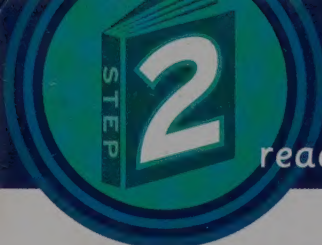




Bloom has found
her inner dragon!

Bloom and Buddy
make a great team!





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Dragon Quest

Bloom must find
her dragon friend—
before an unfriendly dragon finds her!

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Pick your favorite
spot to read.
This is going to be
a great book!

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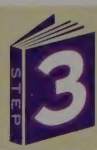


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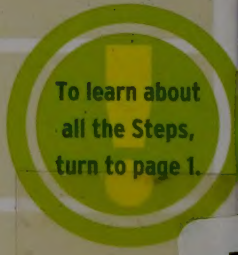
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